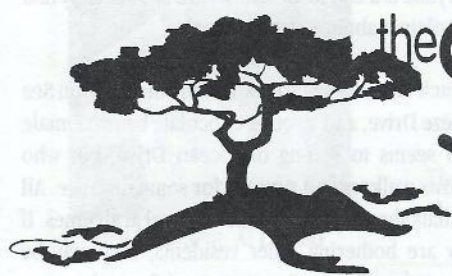


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# the Surf Pines Breeze

## The Year 2000 Annual Meeting

About 60 people attended the 31st annual meeting of the Surf Pines Association on August 5. As annual meetings go, it wasn't a bad turnout. But those present represented only about 30 votes. The highest number of votes cast either for new board members or on any question was 86. Considering a current membership of 291 (homeowners and property owners), 86 votes is not an overwhelming response. Were there perhaps not enough exciting issues to argue about?

As to voting results, Chris Adamson and Ralph Todd were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were passed by substantial margins, with some minor word changes to the text. Members also accepted the board's proposal of a development fee, but limited it to \$1000. The budget was approved. (See Fee Changes, p. 2.)

### Roster of Officers and Committees

The directors chose the following officers: President, Ralph Todd; Vice President, Al Laakso; Secretary, Chris Adamson; Treasurer, Tom Smith. Committee chairs are: roads and grounds, Al Laakso; security, Mark Roberts; community relations, Tom

Smith; annual meeting planning, Allen Cellars. Allen also heads a new committee on long range planning.

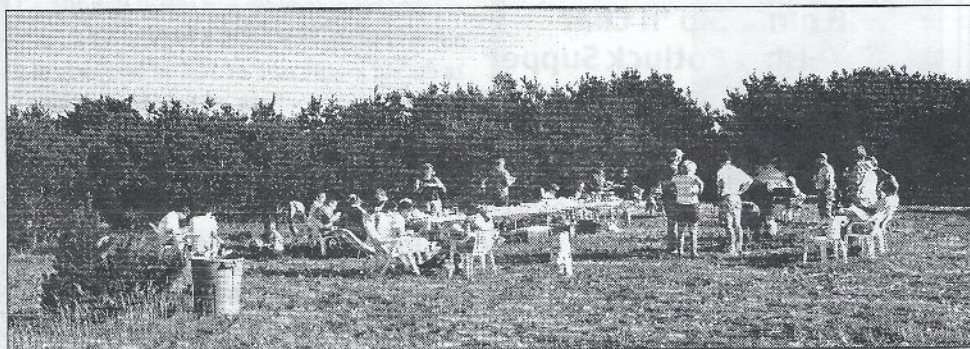
Mark Roberts is chairing an ad hoc subcommittee of security, concerned with tsunami preparedness. This group will consider a warning system for Surf Pines and placing signs marking routes to safe areas, so that residents can become familiar with escape measures in case there is need. Since coastal Oregon is a recognized high-risk area, it is certainly not too early to be implementing a few simple precautions. Members should know that there is a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio warning system. Small radios

are available for purchase that can pick up these broadcast warnings.

Contact any of the above board members if you are interested in more information or in helping in any way. (See p. 4 for contact information.)

### Post-Meeting Picnic

The attempt to revive the pleasant tradition of a picnic or outdoor street party later in the day of the annual meeting met with success this year, as everyone seemed to enjoy the food and time together. The site chosen was the park area on the south side of Horizon. Party planners Norma Keever, Bonnie Groshong, Linda Thompson and Tom Smith provided a rare summer day as well as beverages, games, barbecue grills and paper goods.



*Panoramic prospect, pleasant post meridiem, plenty of palatables, pack of people: perfect picnic*



# Association News

## Fee Changes

A development fee for all new homes was adopted by the membership at the annual meeting. The board's proposal to levy a fee of \$2000 was, however, amended to \$1000. This new fee will be dedicated to building up a capital improvement fund for the purpose of making and maintaining such capital improvements as a new gate system or repaving roads. Money collected as development fees will be deposited in a special account to start building a reserve fund. Safeguards against inappropriate use of the account are provided for in establishing the new fee.

The board retained the existing schedule of other fees that go into the general funds: the \$250 road impact fee and the \$225 gate use charge for newly developed property. Dues for the remaining three quarters of the fiscal year will be reduced: \$100 per quarter, not \$120, for homeowners; and \$50 per quarter, not \$60, for undeveloped property owners. Transmitters continue to cost \$25 each.

## Trees

With each passing storm season, the pines in Surf Pines take a beating. The result is that many trees,

particularly on undeveloped property, are either dead or damaged, some dangerously so. Owners should survey their trees and remove dead and damaged ones that might constitute a hazard or are unsightly. Members who seldom visit their property may contact Al Laakso for help from the grounds committee in assessing the state of their trees and advice on what needs to be done.

## Reminders

As the election season gets into full swing, residents should remember that signs expressing political preferences should be kept on their own property and not displayed on the right of way. Of course, everyone has the same right to express opinions if they wish to. But as an entity, Surf Pines Association has no political stance and signs should not be placed on common property. Some individuals have made a practice of removing signs if they disagree with them; if the sign is on private property, that is trespassing. Please respect others' opinions as you wish yours to be respected. And by all means remove your signs promptly when the election is past.

Reports of dogs running loose in Surf Pines and causing a nuisance are once more on the rise. Much as we love our own pets and are sure they would never cause a problem, we must be aware that not everyone is a dog lover. The board has recently had complaints about several animals:

A black labrador, a large white dog that lives on Sea Breeze Drive, and a young chocolate brown female who seems to belong on Ocean Drive, but who follows walkers and runners for some distance. All animals should be kept under control at all times. If they are bothering other residents, they may be reported to Clatsop County Animal Control.

Home alarm systems cannot function effectively if police and fire departments cannot locate the home. Some Surf Pines homeowners have evidently not given their new rural addresses to their security companies. When the sheriff or fire department receives a report of the alarm sounding, often their agents have trouble finding the right house. Members are advised to tell their security alarm companies the new street names and numbers of their homes so that the new rural addressing system can in fact be as fail-safe as it was designed to be.

Notwithstanding speed patrols this past year by sheriff's deputies who have issued warnings to drivers caught speeding, there are still a few people who ignore the speed limit and drive dangerously fast. So the board is again asking the sheriff's department for help to patrol our roads and issue warnings. Surf Pines' speed limit is set at 25 miles an hour because we are a residential development with narrow streets on which people walk and run, animals are apt to appear suddenly, and there is scant lighting. For your own and others' safety and to avoid embarrassment, please observe the speed limit when you drive Surf Pines roads.

## Directories

With this billing and copy of the *Breeze* you are also receiving the new phone directory. Every effort has been made to be accurate, but if errors have crept in, please let Woodford and Wood know how to correct your listing. Remember that these listings are for the personal use of members and numbers are not to be used for commercial purposes or solicitation.

## A Neighborly Holiday Party

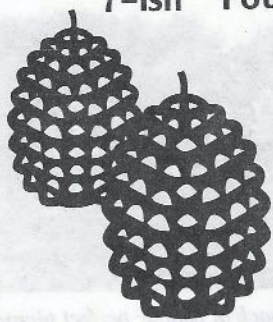
### Have some fun!

**December 9**

**6 pm Sip 'n Chat  
7-ish Potluck Supper**

**Pacific Grange Hall**

*(The Grange is on the east side of Hwy 101,  
just south of Sunset Beach Access Road.)*

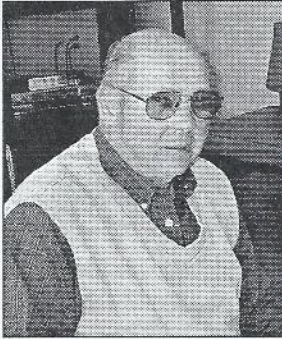


**Please bring hors d'oeuvres, entrée, salad, side dish or dessert sufficient to feed everyone in your party. Then enjoy other chefs' offerings, too.**

**People with brainstorm, energy to help or questions, call Norma Kever, 738-5069.**



## Meet the Board



Vice President: Al Laakso

The association can use some extra people power. There are a variety of jobs to be done, and surely you can find satisfaction by serving on a committee or by lending a hand to a project. Among the tasks facing our association in the coming year are: welcoming new members, putting on a couple of parties, formulating a long-range plan, cleaning up and mowing the road shoulders and beach paths, maintaining common areas, working to improve the roads, handling association paperwork, writing items of interest (in the *Breeze*), enhancing tsunami preparedness, preparing for the annual meeting...to name a few.



Secretary: Chris Adamson



President: Ralph Todd

The Surf Pines Association Board Meets regularly, usually on the third Monday of each month at 3 pm in the Seaside Library's conference room.

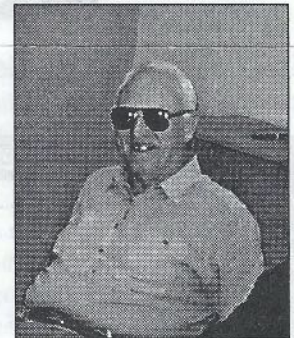
They welcome the presence and opinions of association members. To be sure of a board meeting's day, time and place, give any director a call and let him or her know you'd like to attend.



Treasurer: Tom Smith



Bob Chopping



Allen Cellars

### Ken Buckingham, In Memoriam 1934 -2000

On August 19, Ken Buckingham, our security employee from 1992 until his retirement in February of this year, passed away. Ken was suffering from cancer and was cared for by Lower Columbia Hospice.

Ken was born in the east end of London, England in October 1934 but came to the United States when quite a young man. For most of his working life he was a salesman for firms in Canby and Portland. He had been married but had no children. He is survived, however, by some nieces who live in Canada. While he lived in the

gatchouse, Ken adopted the Surf Pines community as his family. Many people had reason to be grateful for kindnesses that he was reluctant to admit to. Ken had a tough, sometimes brusque manner and he had his own idea of his job as security man, but he was loyal and helpful to many of us when we needed him. He will not be forgotten by those of us who knew him.

On behalf of the membership, the board made a donation in Ken's memory of \$100 to Lower Columbia Hospice at Columbia Memorial Hospital.



Mark Roberts



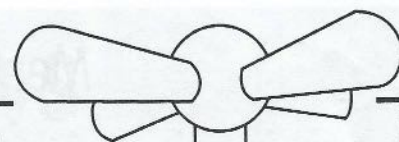


## A Plethora of Skunks

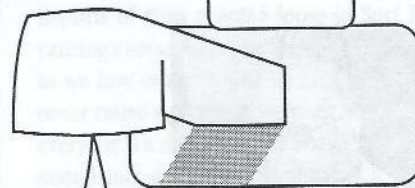
Sometime around the end of June or early July it became evident that Surf Pines had become home to some residents who had not paid their dues and who were becoming nuisances. A deep breath of evening air could contain the unexpected, pungent scent of skunk. Obviously, a sizeable number of skunks had moved in. Ken Weber, our dauntless grounds volunteer, found a trapper who agreed to catch and remove skunks at \$30 a tail. Not without paying a certain price himself, this expert caught and removed to safer habitat a grand total of 10 skunks. Individual owners have caught another five. But there is unmistakable evidence that some of the animals are still making homesites here.



One attraction, Ken thinks, is offered by residents who leave food outdoors for other visitors, such as deer and birds. He cautions against leaving any food that might attract skunks. Be advised: these members of the weasel family are omnivorous, so it is not safe to leave anything edible around.



## Water Board



## News

On behalf of the Surf Pines Water Board, President Babe Price wishes to thank all members for their support of the annual meeting letter. More than 70 people responded positively and there were no phone calls or complaints. Kay Lockett and Tom Wilcox were reelected to the board and the budget was approved.

The water board is very pleased to report that the engineering on phase 4 of the pipeline project is complete and is being put out for bids. Before you receive this report, bids will have been opened (on September 29). Unfortunately, the *Breeze* must go to press before the outcome is known, but as Babe remarks, "Things are finally happening." You will be kept informed on progress.

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